

# Exhibit C



Kahn Gauthier Swick, LLC (“KGS”) ([www.kgscounsel.com](http://www.kgscounsel.com)) is a law firm with offices in New Orleans and New York City. KGS focuses predominantly on class action litigation, in the areas of securities and consumer fraud, shareholder derivative and other complex litigation. KGS was formed in 2000 as a partnership between established class action attorneys. Since its inception KGS has recovered tens of millions of dollars for its clients.

KGS’s lawyers have significant experience litigating complex securities cases. Among other cases the firm is involved in, KGS has been appointed to leadership roles in the following securities class action and derivative litigations:

<b><i>In re U.S. Auto Parts Networks, Inc. Securities Litigation</i></b> <i>Lead Counsel</i>	<i>C.D. Cal.</i>
<b><i>In re Optionable, Inc. Securities Litigation</i></b> <i>Lead Counsel</i>	<i>S.D.N.Y.</i>
<b><i>In re Xethanol Corporation Securities Litigation</i></b> <i>Lead Counsel</i>	<i>S.D.N.Y.</i>
<b><i>Pixelplus Co. Ltd.</i></b> <i>Co-Lead Counsel</i>	<i>S.D.N.Y.</i>
<b><i>In re Witness Systems Inc. Securities Litigation</i></b> <i>Co-Lead Counsel</i>	<i>N.D. Ga.</i>
<b><i>Whitney Information Network</i></b> <i>Lead Counsel</i>	<i>M.D. Fla.</i>
<b><i>Bodisen Biotech, Inc.</i></b> <i>Co-Lead Counsel</i>	<i>S.D.N.Y.</i>

***Pegasus Wireless Corp.***  
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*S.D. Fla.*

***In re Xinhua Finance Media, Ltd.***  
***Securities Litigation***  
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*Co-Lead Counsel*

*N.D. Cal.*

***Gaming Partners***  
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***Derivative Litigation***  
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Lewis Kahn serves as the managing partner of KGS. Along with the representation of thousands of plaintiffs in mass tort cases and thousands of wronged investors in class actions throughout the United States, Mr. Kahn has been appointed to various leadership positions in federal class action litigation. Among other appointments, Mr. Kahn served as a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in MDL 1481, *In re Meridia Products Liability Litigation*, appointed by Judge James S. Gwin in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern District.

Mr. Kahn is often turned to by the media for expert commentary in the field of class action litigation. KGS has been profiled in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Boston Globe*, and many other media outlets. Mr. Kahn holds a Bachelor's degree from New York University and received a Juris Doctor from Tulane Law School in 1994. He

has been a member in good standing of the Louisiana State Bar Association since 1995, and is a member of the Federal Bars for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana.

***Michael A. Swick***

Michael A. Swick heads KGS's Securities Litigation Group. Mr. Swick began his career in the mid 1990's working at several of the nation's leading securities class action law firms.

Over the past decade, Mr. Swick has played a significant role in investigating corporate fraud, initiating litigations, and drafting amended complaints in cases involving the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Mr. Swick received a Juris Doctor from Tulane Law School in 1994. Mr. Swick received a Masters of Political Philosophy from Columbia University in 1989 and a B.A. in Philosophy and Political Science from State University of New York at Albany in 1988. Mr. Swick was admitted to the State Bar of New York in 1996 and is a member of the Federal Bar for the Southern District of New York.

***Kim E. Miller***

Kim E. Miller is a partner of Kahn Gauthier Swick, LLC, who specializes in securities, consumer, and commercial litigation. Prior to joining KGS in 2006, Ms. Miller was a partner at one of the nation's leading plaintiff class action firms. Ms. Miller also spent two years as a securities litigator on the defense side while at Gray Cary Ware & Friedenrich LLP in Palo Alto, California.

Over the course of her career, Ms. Miller has represented tens of thousands of wronged investors and consumers in class actions filed throughout the country. Among other cases, Ms. Miller has worked on more than 25 cases involving allegations of improper directed brokerage arrangements and excessive charges in mutual fund cases

brought pursuant to the 1934 Securities Exchange Act and/or the Investment Company Act of 1940. Ms. Miller was also involved in the mutual funds late trading/market timing litigation.

Ms. Miller has been involved in a variety of cases in which large settlements were reached, including:

**Settlement value of \$127.5 million** *Spahn v. Edward D. Jones & Co., L.P.*, 04-cv-00086-HEA (E.D. Mo.)

**\$110 Million Recovery.** *In re StarLink Corn Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 1403 (N.D. Ill.)

**\$100 Million Recovery.** *In re American Express Financial Advisors, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, 1:04-cv-01773-DAB (S.D.N.Y.)

Ms. Miller was also a member of the trial team that obtained a federal jury verdict in favor of plaintiffs in a case involving the aiding and abetting of a mortgage company's fraudulent lending practices. *Austin v. Lehman Commercial Paper*, No. 04-55942 (DOC)(C.D. Cal.).

Ms. Miller graduated with honors from Stanford University in 1992 with a double major in English and Psychology. She earned her Juris Doctor degree from Cornell Law School, *cum laude*, in 1995. While at Cornell, Ms. Miller was the Co-Chair of the Women's Law Symposium, Bench Brief Editor of the Moot Court Board, and a member of the Board of Editors of the Cornell Journal of Law & Public Policy. She is admitted to practice in the States of California and New York and before the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and the Northern, Southern, and Central Districts of California. Her *pro bono* work includes representing families of 9/11 victims at *In re September 11 Victim Compensation Fund* hearings. Ms. Miller has also served as a fundraiser for the New York Legal Aid Society.

***Stuart J. Guber***

Stuart J. Guber is a partner in Kahn Gauthier Swick, LLC who specializes in securities class actions and derivative litigation. Prior to joining KGS, Mr. Guber was a partner at several large securities class action firms, where he had primary responsibility for the following cases:

*In re Rite Aid Pharmacy Sec. Litig.*, MDL 1360 (E.D.Pa) (\$320 million settlement);

*In re Providian Financial Corp. Sec. Litig.*, C 01-3952 (N.D. Cal.) (\$65 million settlement);

*In re Bell South Corp. Sec. Litig.*, No. 1:02 2142 (N.D.Ga.) (\$35 million settlement);

*In re Campbell Soup Sec.Litig.*, No. 1:00-CV-00152 (D. N.J.)( \$35 million settlement);

*Paine v. Microwarehouse, Inc.*, No. 3:96-CV-01920 (D. Conn.) (\$30 million settlement);

*In re Premier Technologies, Inc. Sec. Litig.* No. 98-CV-1804 (\$20.75 million settlement);

*In re Boston Chicken, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, No. 1:97-CV-01435 (D.Colo.)( \$20 million settlement);

*Nepomuceno v. Knights of Columbus*, No. Civ.A. 96 C 4789 (N.D. Ill.) (\$22 million settlement in life insurance vanishing premium policy consumer fraud case);

*Criddle v. CNF, Inc.*, C.A. No. 434340 (Cal.Sup.Ct.)(successful derivative action resulted in corporate governance changes to address specific misconduct alleged in complaint relating to safety and maintenance reporting issues).

Mr. Guber has spoken at the Atlanta Bar subsection on Securities and Corporate Litigation on the effect of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Dura Pharmaceuticals* on pleading loss causation in Section 10(b) claims under the Securities Exchange Act of

1934 and on the options backdating phenomena. He has appeared as a panel member at the Georgia Bar's Annual CLE Seminar on Securities and Corporate Litigation and authored a paper entitled "The Application of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 9(b) to Pleading Claims under the Securities Act of 1933." He also was trial counsel in *Robbins v. Koger Properties, Inc* in which the jury rendered a verdict for \$81.3 million against the accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche.

Mr. Guber graduated from Temple University in 1986 with a major in Accounting. He earned his Juris Doctor degree from Temple University School of Law in 1990. Mr. Guber is admitted to practice in the States of Georgia and Pennsylvania and before the United States District Courts for the Northern District of Georgia, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, District of Colorado, and Eastern District of Michigan. He is admitted to practice before the United States Circuit court of Appeals for the First, Third, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Circuits.

***Kevin L. Oufnac***

Kevin Oufnac joined Kahn Gauthier Swick, LLC in 2006. Prior to becoming a partner in KGS, Mr. Oufnac spent many years litigating cases throughout the United States with several of the nation's most recognized law firms, including Ness, Motley, Loadholt, Richardson, & Poole, PA; Richardson, Patrick, Westbrook & Brickman, LLC; and Motley Rice, LLC. In addition to individual cases, some of the litigations in which Mr. Oufnac has participated include *In re Community Bank of Northern Virginia and Guaranty National Bank of Tallahassee Second Mortgage Loan Litigation*, No. 03-0425 (W.D. Pa.) (which resulted in a settlement of \$33 million to the class members), and *Dundon v. U.S. Bank*, No. 01-408 (S.D. Ill.) (which resulted in a settlement of \$26 million to the class members).

Mr. Oufnac received his Juris Doctor in 1995 from the Loyola University School

of Law, New Orleans. He is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, the South Carolina State Bar Association, and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. Mr. Oufnac has also been admitted to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and the United States District Courts for the Eastern District of Michigan, the Eastern District of Louisiana, and the District of South Carolina.

### **Of Counsel**

#### ***Charles C. Foti, Jr.***

Charles C. Foti, Jr. served as the Attorney General for the state of Louisiana from 2004-2008, after serving for 30 years as one of the most innovative law enforcement officials in the United States as Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff. Throughout his career, General Foti has remained committed to public service.

As Attorney General for the state of Louisiana, General Foti's achievements include:

*\* Recovered over \$24 million for Louisiana consumers in consumer fraud matters, \$8 million in anti-trust litigation, \$9.1 million for state employees through Office of Group Benefits, over \$2 million for auto complaints, over \$33 million in Medicaid Fraud.*

*\* Investigated and apprehended numerous contractor fraud criminals in the wake of the worst natural disaster in United States history, Hurricane Katrina.*

*\* Louisiana Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force doubled the number of arrests for crime against children.*

In his tenure as Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff, General Foti oversaw the enormous expansion of the parish jail, growing from 800 prisoners in 1973 to more than 7,000 currently. As the prison expanded, so did the need for education and rehabilitation skills for prisoners. As Sheriff, General Foti started the first reading and GED programs, work release programs, drug treatment programs and the nation's first boot camp at the



local level, all to prepare prisoners for a future without crime. Administratively, General Foti managed a multi-million dollar budget and a complex organization of more than 1,400 employees.

General Foti has for many years been an advocate for the elderly. As Sheriff, he and a small army of volunteers provided Thanksgiving meals for senior citizens in the New Orleans area who were alone or couldn't afford a proper holiday feast. He started a back to work program for senior citizens that helps people over the age of 55 get back into the workforce.

General Foti received his Juris Doctor degree from Loyola University Law School in 1965, after serving his country in the United States Army from 1955 through 1958.

### ***Glen Woods***

Glen Woods joined Kahn Gauthier Swick, LLC as Of Counsel in 2006. Mr. Woods has tried over two hundred business and tort cases in Louisiana state and federal courts. Mr. Woods achieved a \$346 million verdict in 1997 in a breach of contract case against Entergy and a \$55 million verdict against ADP for its involvement in the New Orleans Fairgrounds fire years earlier. Mr. Woods began his legal career in 1985 as an Assistant District Attorney to Harry Connick Sr. and was appointed Special Prosecutor responsible for capital homicides. Mr. Woods is admitted to practice in all state courts in the State of Louisiana, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Mr. Woods received his Juris Doctor from Southern University in 1984 and received a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of Southwestern Louisiana in 1979.

### **Associates**

***Catherine R. Gauthier***

Catherine R. Gauthier holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, having graduated *magna cum laude* in 2000. She received a Juris Doctor from Loyola University School of Law, New Orleans and was admitted to practice law in the State of Louisiana in 2005. She is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the American Association of Trial Lawyers.

***George S. Mentz***

George Mentz is licensed to practice law in Louisiana and the Federal Courts of the EDLA and is a member of the Tax, Trusts & Estates & International Law Sections of the Bar. Mr. Mentz is chiefly a consultant and professor in the areas of ethics, consumer and victims rights, international law, business law, and financial law. Mr. Mentz has recently been featured or quoted in the Wall Street Journal, Financial Times Asia, China Daily, The Arab Times, The Hindu National (India), and The El Norte Mexico Newspapers. Mr. Mentz has written and published in multiple venues around the world in Radio, TV, magazines, web-casts, and journals and has published over 22 books and training manuals.

Professor Mentz serves on several boards and advisory committees in the US, Europe, and Asia. Mr. Mentz has a JD, MBA, certified financial consultant credential and financial planner license. Mr. Mentz has provided specialized consulting over the years as to valuation and quantum damages and has testified and been accepted as an expert in NASD securities arbitration hearings. Mr. Mentz was recently appointed to the Institutional Advisory Board of the Global Finance Forum in Switzerland, the ERISA Fiduciary Guild Advisory Board, and the AML Anti Money Laundering Committee for ICA USA, and was recently re-elected to the Financial Training and Ethics Board for AAFM Worldwide for 2007. Prof. Mentz has trained thousands of people in the areas of

law, finance, ethics, tax, corporate governance, investments, and wealth management, and has taught over 100 law, business, and ethics courses at the graduate and undergraduate level over the last ten years.

Mr. Mentz earned his Juris Doctor from Loyola University School of Law, New Orleans. Mr. Mentz was Chairman and Faculty Advisor for the Tax and Estate Planning Law Review at Loyola University. Further, Mr. Mentz holds an MBA in International Business and Financial Planning from Loyola, as well as a BA with a focus on International Politics.

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Sarah Catherine Boone holds a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from the University of Southern California and a Master of Fine Arts in Writing from the Master of Professional Writing Program at USC. She received her Juris Doctor from Tulane Law School and was admitted to practice law in the State of Montana in 2007. She is a member of the Montana State Bar Association and she has been admitted to the United States District Court for the District of Montana.

***Melissa Ryan Clark***

Melissa Ryan Clark received her Juris Doctor from Tulane Law School in 2007. While at Tulane, Ms. Clark was president of her graduating class and of the Business Law Society, a chairperson for the Moot Court Board, and a Senior Fellow for Legal Research & Writing. In Fall 2006, Ms. Clark attended University of California – Berkeley where she received high honors in Securities & Class Action Litigation and was a Visiting Contributor to the *California Law Review*. She received her Bachelors of Science degree in International Affairs from Florida State University in 2004.

Ms. Clark's legal work experience includes clerking at the San Francisco District Attorney's Office and externing for the Honorable Chief Judge Jerry Brown in the United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Louisiana and the Honorable Jay C. Zainey in the Eastern District of Louisiana. She is a member of the New York State Bar Association, American Bar Association, and American Inns of Courts. Ms. Clark was admitted to the New York Bar in 2008.



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## The Firm

Based in Seattle, Washington, **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro LLP (HBSS)** was founded in 1993 with one purpose - to pursue the type of law that most interested the founders. This involved representing plaintiffs in class actions and multi-party, large-scale complex litigation and becoming engaged in cases that had the potential for having a positive impact on protecting the rights of investors, consumers, workers, and the environment.

Since then, the firm has stayed true to that purpose and become one of the nation's leading firms in these fields, earning an international reputation for excellence and innovation.

### Our Focus

Our main focus is to represent plaintiffs in securities, investment fraud, product liability, tort, antitrust, consumer fraud, employment, environmental, and ERISA cases. In doing so, our firm has become particularly skilled at managing multi-state and nationwide class actions through an organized, coordinated approach that implements an efficient and aggressive prosecutorial strategy in order to place maximum pressure on the defendant. In the last two years the firm has been rated by the National Law Journal in the top ten of plaintiffs' firms in the country.

### We Win

Lawyers in the field of mass tort and class action litigation are often accused of acting in their own interests or settling cheaply. HBSS believes that our excellence stems from a commitment to try each case and obtain maximum recovery for our clients. Our opponents know this and often seek to thwart HBSS' appointment as a lead counsel.

Winning is especially important to HBSS because our compensation depends so much on our performance. We devote approximately 95 percent of our time to litigation under fee agreements that tie our pay to the results we achieve, not to the hours we bill. We have developed innovative contingent and flat fee arrangements with many clients, including partial contingent fees that reduce our hourly rates for a stake in the outcome. We have even used reverse contingent fee arrangements for defending cases where the amount we saved our clients determined our compensation.

Working at our own risk and expense encourages efficient work habits. That efficient approach carries over to our hourly business. The quality of our service, the lack of duplication of effort, access to your lawyers, and our ability to gear up quickly to handle your case all make selecting HBSS a cost-effective decision.

### Our Offices

As we have flourished over the years, we have increased our national presence through a network of branch offices in Boston, Phoenix, Los Angeles, Chicago and San Francisco.

Founded in 1995, our Phoenix office has driven important litigation and has a strong legal presence in Arizona and the southwest. Shortly thereafter in 1996, we founded the Los Angeles office, which manages our significant case load in California.

In June 2002, our firm opened an office in the Boston area. Now referred to as the Cambridge office, this office leads our drug litigation efforts, challenging the prices of dozens of prescription drugs, and claiming that manufacturers artificially drove up drug prices through numerous anti-competitive practices.

In 2004, in another step to become the nation's premier law firm in class-action and large-scale litigation, we opened a Chicago branch. The firm first created a presence among Illinois' legal and political scene



with the landmark litigation against the tobacco industry, in which Steve Berman served as special assistant attorney general for the state.

In another large step towards the firm's continued growth and strong national presence, a San Francisco branch was opened in 2007. A great deal of consumer, antitrust and securities work is in the San Francisco courts and this office allows HBSS to become a major presence there.

#### **A Nationwide Reach**

The firm expanded its practice to include representing governmental entities, including actions against the tobacco industry and the pharmaceutical industry. In the groundbreaking state tobacco litigation, the firm represented the states of Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Montana, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington as special assistant attorneys general in their law enforcement actions against the tobacco industry. Our firm has also served as court-appointed lead class counsel in state and federal litigation in states throughout the country, with heavy caseloads in Arizona, California, Idaho, Illinois, New York, and Washington.

Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro's lawyers have played leading and major roles in cases that have resulted in total recoveries of more than \$206 billion.

## Our Major Successes

### *STATE OF WASHINGTON, ET AL. V. PHILIP MORRIS, ET AL.*

HBSS represented 13 states in the largest recovery in litigation history (\$206 billion recovery).

### *IN RE VISA-MASTERCARD ANTITRUST LITIGATION*

HBSS served as co-lead counsel in the largest antitrust settlement in history – valued at \$27 billion.

### *ENRON ERISA LITIGATION*

HBSS is co-lead counsel in the ERISA litigation that has recovered in excess of \$250 million, the largest ERISA settlement in history.

### *TENET HEALTHCARE LITIGATION*

The firm obtained a settlement – the first of its kind – on behalf of a class of 2 million uninsured patients in 19 different states. Based on novel theories upheld by the court, HBSS helped create a first of its kind settlement recently featured in the National Law Journal.

### *DRAM ANTITRUST LITIGATION*

HBSS was co-lead counsel and the case settled for \$345 million resulting in a recovery for purchasers of DRAM.

### *LUPRON SETTLEMENT*

A \$150 million settlement on behalf of patients using Lupron for prostate cancer.

### *RELAFEN SETTLEMENT*

A \$75 million settlement in favor of plaintiffs who purchased Relafen.

### *HUNGARIAN GOLD TRAIN SETTLEMENT*

HBSS filed a class-action suit against the United States on behalf of Hungarian Holocaust survivors. The suit claimed the plaintiffs' valuable personal property was loaded on a train by the Hungarian Nazi government during the waning days of WWII. The United States Army later seized the train and its contents. The suit contends that the property was never returned to its owners or heirs, and was instead unlawfully appropriated by the U.S.

The settlement in the case of *Rosner, et al. v. United States* creates a \$25.5 million settlement fund, and provides for a statement by the United States government acknowledging the events surrounding the Gold Train property. Because of the passage of time, lost documentation, and lack of an inventory, there is limited information about the specific items that were on the Gold Train and taken into U.S. custody in 1945. Thus it is very hard to fairly assess and compensate individual class members based on their personal losses. Therefore, the U.S. government and representatives for the class have agreed that a minimum of \$21 million in the settlement fund be used to augment existing social welfare programs for Hungarian victims of Nazi persecution. The settlement agreement also allocates \$500,000 to fund and create an archival collection of information and artifacts for the benefit of the class and other educational purposes.

## Leading Edge Cases

**CB RICHARD ELLIS SEXUAL HARASSMENT LITIGATION.** **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** filed a class-action lawsuit against CB Richard Ellis, Inc. on behalf of a group of female employees. Filed in U.S. District Court in Illinois, the suit claims that the company has perpetuated a climate of severe sexual harassment against its female employees. According to the complaint, CB Richard Ellis discriminates against female employees by subjecting them to a hostile, intimidating and offensive work environment, which has resulted in emotional distress and other physical and economic injuries to the class.

HBSS negotiated an innovative and unprecedented settlement of a nationwide class action alleging sexual harassment over an eight-year period on behalf of 16,000 current and former female employees of a commercial property brokerage firm. In addition to requiring changes to human resources policies and procedures, the settlement affords class members the opportunity to participate in a stream-lined claims process that provides the potential for individual awards up to \$150,000 per class member. The “process-based” settlement, adjudicated by an independent and neutral Special Master, will award a range of damages to claimants who can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Special Master that they were subjected to unlawful harassment. Claims are subject to certain monetary caps depending on a claimant’s elections regarding the extent of the process in which they wish to participate and the level of confidentiality their claim will be afforded. Additionally, under the terms of the settlement agreement, the company agreed to several human resources measures. These activities include amending or tightening existing harassment policies, implementing enhanced training for all employees, increasing supervisor accountability to address sexually inappropriate conduct in the workplace, enhancing record-keeping practices, and conducting two annual reviews of settlement compliance by a court appointed monitor.

**DRAM MANUFACTURERS LITIGATION.** **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** has filed a suit on behalf of purchasers of DRAM (Dynamic Random Access Memory) from Micron Technology, Crucial Technologies, Infineon Technologies, Hynix Semiconductor Inc. and Samsung Electronics, claiming the companies secretly agreed to reduce supply of DRAM in order to artificially raise prices.

According to the suit, the companies conduct caused Michael Dell, founder and CEO of Dell Computers, to state during a news conference, “I think we saw cartel-like behavior by a couple of DRAM suppliers.”

HBSS won an appointment as co-lead counsel in a contested hearing and the case settled for \$345 million.

**PFIZER LITIGATION (CELEBREX).** **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** has filed a lawsuit on behalf of consumers who purchased the drug Celebrex®. The suit claims that the drug’s distributor, Pfizer, Inc., launched an aggressive and misleading marketing campaign to promote Celebrex, while failing to warn consumers that the drug poses risks of blood clots, heart attack, stroke, and other cardiovascular problems.

According to the complaint, Celebrex ads overstate its safety by saying that it provides effective pain relief without the side effects inherent to similar drugs. The misleading ads drove the demand and price of Celebrex beyond what it would have been, had Pfizer truthfully disclosed the drug’s risks, the suit states.

Pfizer’s misrepresentation of Celebrex is apparent in the process it used to gain approval by the FDA, the complaint alleges. The suit claims that despite Pfizer’s prior knowledge that Celebrex posed serious heart risks, it chose to downplay these risks and push the drug on claims that it improves gastrointestinal safety. To support these claims, in 1998 Pfizer funded a clinical CLASS trial to show that Celebrex has greater gastrointestinal safety than traditional pain relievers such as aspirin and ibuprofen. The suit also contends that in Pfizer’s plan to gain swift FDA approval, it did not conduct any significant tests on cardiovascular safety, or publish any data on cardiovascular events from the CLASS trial. Therefore, having only

reviewed the results of the gastrointestinal safety tests, the FDA approved Celebrex for the relief of osteoarthritis in December 1998, the suit states.

Once it gained approval, Pfizer's advertising campaign proved very profitable, the suit claims. Though the company spent more than \$400 million on direct-to-consumer advertising for Celebrex, sales have yielded billions of dollars, including \$2.3 billion for the first three quarters of 2004, the lawsuit states.

TENET HEALTHCARE. HBSS pioneered this suit with claims against Tenet Healthcare Corporation. Originally filed in December 2002, the lawsuit claimed that patients not covered by insurance plans were charged excessive prices at 114 hospitals owned and operated by Tenet subsidiaries in 16 different states.

The settlement class includes any uninsured patient who received medically necessary services at any of its hospitals between June 15, 1999 and December 31, 2004, and paid for services based on the hospital's gross charges. Under the terms of the proposed settlement, Tenet has agreed to refund amounts paid in excess of certain thresholds.

INTEL ANTITRUST LITIGATION. HBSS has filed the nation's first proposed class-action lawsuit against Intel on behalf of consumers, claiming the microprocessor giant has unlawfully maintained a monopoly by engaging in a relentless, worldwide campaign to coerce customers to refrain from dealing with AMD, another microprocessor manufacturer.

According to the suit, consumers ultimately foot this bill, in the form of inflated PC prices and the loss of freedom to purchase computer products that best fit their needs.

The proposed class action includes all United States residents who purchased a microprocessor in the United States indirectly from Intel from June 29, 2001 through the present.

HBSS is one of the co-lead counsel.

STARBUCKS ANTITRUST LITIGATION. HBSS is litigating an antitrust claim against Starbucks Corporation for its alleged monopolization of the retail coffee market in Class-A buildings in downtown Bellevue and Seattle. The plaintiff is a small coffee retailer who has attempted to enter the market but has allegedly been prevented from doing so by Starbucks' dominant presence and use of exclusive-dealing arrangements that are designed to prevent competitors from entering the market.

CAREMARK LITIGATION. The class action lawsuit alleges that Caremark Rx, Inc., concealed revenues derived from drug manufacturers to avoid paying commissions to its marketing consultants. Caremark and its predecessor companies provide pharmaceutical and formulary services to corporate health plans, discount card programs, managed care organizations, insurance companies, labor unions, and governmental agencies. Caremark then contracts with drug manufacturers to sell the manufacturers' drugs to its clients. In return, Caremark receives rebates, fees, and other revenue streams from the manufacturers.

HBSS represented a marketing consultant who alleged that Caremark failed to honor its contractual obligations to pay its marketing consultants a percentage of total revenues or a set rate for each drug purchased. The complaint further alleged that Caremark paid commissions based on partial revenues and deliberately hid certain revenues to avoid paying proper commissions. The case settled amicably in September 2007.

INSURANCE LITIGATION. HBSS has pioneered theories to ensure that in first and third party contexts consumers and insureds always receive the treatment and benefits to which they are entitled. We have certified several cases, including those where we secured expanded coverage owed and therefore more benefits because of a statutory violation, where we seek to recover for underpayments of benefits based on software programs, where we seek a return if uninsured/underinsured premiums received because of misleading tactics of the insurer. In addition, on individual cases, we have taken insurers to

trial and recovered millions of dollars for our clients by way of verdict for bad faith, punitive damages, wage losses, and medical and rehabilitative care.

**SEXUAL ABUSE LITIGATION.** HBSS has represented a wide spectrum of individuals who have been the victims of sexual abuse, including children and developmentally disabled adults. We treat each case individually, with compassion and attention to detail and have the expertise, resources and track record to stand up to the toughest opponents. In the area of sexual abuse, our attorneys have obtained record-breaking verdicts, including the largest personal injury verdict ever upheld by an appellate court in the State of Washington.

**NURSING HOME NEGLIGENCE.** Nursing home negligence is a growing problem throughout the nation. As our population ages, reports of elder abuse and nursing home negligence continue to rise. Today, elder abuse is one of the most rapidly escalating social problems in our society. HBSS is uniquely qualified to represent the victims of elder abuse and nursing home negligence. Our attorneys have secured record-breaking settlements in this area of the law and are committed to holding nursing homes accountable.

**SOCIAL WORK NEGLIGENCE.** Social workers play a critical role in the daily lives of our state's most vulnerable citizens. Social workers, assigned to protect children, developmentally disabled and elderly adults are responsible for critical aspects in the lives of tens of thousands of citizens who are unable to protect themselves.

Many social workers do a fine job. Tragically, many do not. When a social worker fails to monitor and protect his/her vulnerable client, the results are often catastrophic. All too often, the failure to protect a child or disabled citizen leads to injury or sexual victimization by predators.

With over \$40 million in recoveries on behalf of vulnerable citizens who were neglected by social workers, the Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro Personal Injury Group is the most experienced, successful and knowledgeable group of attorneys in this dynamic area of the law.

**CLEAR CHANNEL ANTITRUST LITIGATION.** HBSS obtained class certification in five regional test cases on behalf of purchasers of tickets to live rock concerts promoted by Clear Channel Communications Inc. or its successor Live Nation. Prosecuting 22 regional cases filed nationwide, HBSS is leading the fight against the nation's largest media and entertainment companies, which used their market dominance to illegally inflate ticket prices to live rock concerts across the country. The lawsuits assert that Clear Channel used anticompetitive, monopolistic practices to coerce artists into using the company's promotional services. The suits allege that Clear Channel's unlawful leveraging of its economic strength in the FM radio business obligates artists who would otherwise turn to other concert promoters to use Clear Channel's promotion services.

# The Practice

## AN OVERVIEW OF CURRENT LITIGATION\*

**ANTITRUST LITIGATION.** **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** works to keep marketplaces free of price fixing and collusion, protecting the availability of high quality, low priced goods. The firm's antitrust practice includes nationally certified class actions against manufacturers of disposable contact lenses and a high-profile case in which the Justice Department has commenced parallel proceedings challenging the charges imposed by **Visa** and **MasterCard** in connection with use of the debit card.

**Microsoft** honored the firm by selecting **Hagens Berman** to represent the company in antitrust litigation. The firm served as national counsel in more than 100 class actions currently faced by the company.

In another major antitrust action the firm was named lead trial counsel in the case of **Information Resources, Inc. v. A.C. Nielsen** and the case was settled thereafter

Other major antitrust cases include **DRAM, Intel, SRAM, Flash Memory** and **Korean Air**.

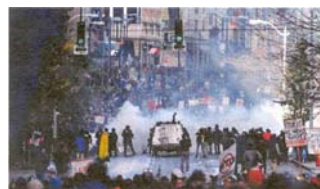
**CIVIL RIGHTS.** **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** actively seeks out complex civil rights cases, taking on the role of advocate for a variety of individuals and organizations. The firm vigilantly keeps abreast of new state and national legislation that allows it to better represent its clients, including diverse communities such as World War II prisoners of war and conscripted civilians.

**Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** led a team of lawyers in the **Hungarian Gold Train** case. The firm's involvement follows from its representation of former forced and enslaved laborers for German companies in the Nazi Slave Labor Litigation.

In conjunction with the Trial Lawyers for Public Justice, the firm recently won a settlement from city officials after filing a class action claiming violation of the First and Fourth Amendments. Tens of thousands of Seattle citizens became targets during their peaceful protest of the WTO convention on December 1, 1999. After Seattle officials banned any form of peaceful protest, Seattle police attacked anyone found in the designated "no protest" zones with rubber bullets and tear gas, arresting and incarcerating city residents for three to four days. A jury returned a verdict in favor of plaintiffs.

Riot Police Douse Peaceful Protesters with Pepper Spray

Riot Police Confront Protestors on Downtown Seattle Streets




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\* In alphabetical order.

**CONSUMER LITIGATION.** Using large-scale litigation to pressure defendants who defraud or take advantage of customers, **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** pursues opportunities to confront deceptive advertising practices, financing and insurance scams, and redlining practices, among other consumer fraud techniques. Consumer litigation remains one of the firm's largest practice areas, with attorneys representing millions of consumers in numerous actions.

**DRUG LITIGATION.** The firm actively engages in litigation that improves the quality of health products and medical systems, and confronts unscrupulous medical distributors and producers of products such as pharmaceutical drugs, herbal supplements and beauty products. **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** frequently partners with consumer interest and senior organizations to challenge false advertising, pricing schemes, and other drug fraud activities.

Recent successes include reaching a settlement on behalf of all diet drug users in Montana and exerting landmark pressure on **Abbott Laboratories** causing them to send a letter warning laboratories about the risks of false positives in their tests for hCG. **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** represents several plaintiffs in important litigation against **Abbott** after false positives erroneously diagnosed plaintiffs with cancer leading to unnecessary treatment including, in some cases, hysterectomies. In 2003, the firm settled a case against **Rexall** representing thousands of women who purchased their cellulite-fighting product "Cellasene." The plaintiffs alleged that the product didn't work, and **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** filed the first case in the nation challenging Celasene marketing. The FTC recently filed a similar action against Rexall.



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**ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION.** Believing that protecting and repairing our ecosystem from irresponsible use is some of the most rewarding work a law firm can do, the firm frequently represents homeowners and landowners injured by environmental abuses. The firm has handled a variety of landmark environmental litigation cases in the Northwest and internationally, using relationships with top-notch environmental experts to develop compelling arguments.

In a recent high-profile case, the firm successfully pursued a class action on the adverse environmental impacts of fast ferry service in Washington state. The settlement brought relief to the class members and slowed ferry vessels when traveling in sensitive areas. In other litigation, the firm represented plaintiffs in a case against **Kerr-McGee**, on behalf of thousands of persons exposed to radioactive material in a residential area in West Chicago, Illinois.

The firm's Arizona office represented the **Sierra Club** in a case challenging the U.S. Forest Service's approval of a commercial shopping center on the edge of the Grand Canyon. The District Court granted the firm's request to enjoin development of the shopping mall, protecting the Grand Canyon from overdevelopment.

**ERISA LITIGATION.** The federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) spells out the fiduciary duties that plan trustees owe to participants and beneficiaries in retirement programs such as stock options or 401(k) plans, along with guidelines on disability, medical insurance, and severance pay.

**Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** specializes in recovering pension and retirement funds lost due to imprudent direction by plan directors, as well as safeguarding the rights of plan participants. Courts have recognized the firm's aptitude in handling large ERISA cases, most recently appointing the firm co-lead counsel in the **Enron** employee litigation. The firm is also litigating ERISA cases on behalf of employees of IPALCO and Montana Power.

The firm pioneered the discovery of fraud in discounts to employee health plans, representing thousands of **Blue Cross** health insurance plan participants in 10 states who allege that the insurer overcharges participants, obtaining discounts from hospitals but not passing that savings along when calculating co-payments.



The firm's discovery led to a Congressional inquiry concerning the company's billing practices. **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** also represents plaintiffs in a proposed class action against **Regence**, breaking new ground in the coverage of contraceptives by health insurance plans.

**INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR LITIGATION.** **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** provides specialized securities litigation services to public, private and Taft-Hartley pension funds, offering its proprietary and unparalleled asset protection and recovery services to both foreign and domestic institutions. By giving clients the ability to identify, investigate and react to potential wrongdoing by companies in which they invest, the firm enables them to be proactive, not merely reactive.

Recent class actions led by **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** obtained significant settlements. In the **Morrison Knudsen** case, the firm secured a settlement of approximately 60 percent of the largest estimates of possible losses for class members, while in the **Oppenheimer Delta Partners Litigation** the class was awarded settlements of approximately 80 percent of possible losses. In the **Midisoft** case, **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** obtained more than 50 percent of total damages. Numerous other recent cases such as **Waste Management** and **Cendant** have obtained hundreds of millions of dollars in settlements and recovered a large percentage of damages for injured shareholders.

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LITIGATION.** **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** has handled numerous cases involving various aspects of intellectual property (IP). Acting on inquiries from individuals and corporations, HBSS has conducted several investigations into the prosecution and defense of IP rights. IP law is designed to protect the property created by intellect, such as designs used in commerce, including inventions, patents, copyright, and trade dress. IP creations also include artistic works and literary works. In recent years, with the development of new electronic technology, advanced and specialized computer programs and Internet commerce, the definition of IP and how to protect the rights of such property has created very complicated and complex business issues. HBSS has successfully prosecuted and defended individuals and corporations in the area of intellectual property.

**PRODUCT LIABILITY LITIGATION.** When a product fails to meet accepted or advertised standards, the results can be hazardous or even deadly. In such cases, consumers deserve a right to redress. **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro's** product liability practice represents consumers in variety of product cases including automobile defects, home equipment and defective software.

Firm successes include a settlement involving **Louisiana-Pacific Siding** in which more than 130,000 claims have been paid exceeding \$500 million and a \$925 million settlement in a polybutylene piping case. **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** also represents plaintiffs alleging defects in trunk release mechanisms in a case surrounding the death of four children who died locked in the trunk of a car. The firm continues to pursue Ford and Nissan on behalf of consumers with defective accelerators.

**SECURITIES LITIGATION.** A cornerstone of the firm's practice, **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** contests securities fraud in courts across the nation. To prosecute these complex cases, the firm uses highly experienced experts in a variety of fields as an integral part of the prosecution team, expanding the group's expertise in sophisticated financial and accounting issues.

In a high-profile case, **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** pursued **Boeing** after a tremendous stock loss resulted from the company allegedly conspiring to conceal production problems and bolster share prices through the conclusion of a stock-swap purchase of **McDonnell Douglas**. After several years of intense discovery and litigation, **Boeing** eventually agreed to a settlement that provided more than \$92 million to recoup investors for their losses.

The firm has also acted as co-lead counsel and plaintiffs' counsel representing investors in class actions for securities violations against a variety of corporations including **WPPSS**, **Boston Chicken**, **Oppenheimer**, **PriceCostco**, **MK Rail**, **Bonneville Pacific**, **Mercer International**, and **Omega Environmental**.



PERSONAL INJURY LITIGATION. Committed to justice and appropriate compensation in issues of personal injury and wrongful death, the firm assists clients in a range of personal injury litigation.

**Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** knows that the health and quality of life of our clients hangs in the balance of the firm's work and has developed an exceptional track record in obtaining significant settlements and awards for the firm's clients.

WHISTEBLOWER LITIGATION. **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** represents "whistleblowers" in a variety of industries with a significant number of cases involving clients using the False Claims Act to recover damages suffered by the federal government. Current cases include actions involving fraudulent Medicare billing, defense contractor fraud and distinctive theft cases.

## **SPECIAL EXPERIENCE IN LITIGATION WITH THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY**

For years, HBSS has aggressively pursued pharmaceutical industry litigation, helping lead the fight for more affordable prescription drugs and for a more responsible pharmaceutical and medical device industry. We believe HBSS's pharmaceutical litigation practice is second to none in the nation in terms of expertise, commitment, and landmark results. In recent years, HBSS's aggressive prosecution of pharmaceutical industry litigation amounted to recovery of over *one-half billion dollars in gross settlement funds*. Recently, HBSS was lead counsel in three significant settlements:

**NEW ENGLAND CARPENTERS HEALTH BENEFITS FUND V. FIRST DATABANK.** HBSS recently negotiated a settlement, preliminarily approved by the United States District Court in the District of Massachusetts, that will result in a *four percent rollback* of prices on hundreds of drugs which represent ninety-five percent of the nation's retail branded drugs. The net impact of this rollback has been estimated to be in the billions of dollars and may lower the retail price for hundreds of brand name drugs, resulting in savings for health plans and consumers who have been overcharged for prescription drugs.

**AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE DRUG LITIGATION.** HBSS acted as lead trial counsel in a consolidated trial against four defendants. The court returned a verdict in favor of plaintiffs on claims against AstraZeneca and BMS, marking one of the first trial defeats for the pharmaceutical industry. On the heels of that verdict, AstraZeneca settled the consumer class for \$34 million. Each class member may receive *double damages* if they make a claim, a result unprecedented in a class settlement. Settlement with the consumer class was then obtained with BMS, again at double class member damages.

HBSS was the lead negotiator and counsel in a \$70 million settlement with GlaxoSmithKline, the world's second largest pharmaceutical manufacturer, over its role in artificially inflating the Average Wholesale Price that is used as a benchmark for almost all prescription drug sales in the United States. Thirty percent of the settlement will go to consumers, primarily individuals treated for cancer, who incurred co-payments based on AWP for certain drugs manufactured by GSK. The remaining seventy percent will go to third party payors, including health plans, HMOs, and other organizations, which purchased the GSK drugs.

**SERONO DRUG LITIGATION.** On February 14, 2007, the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts preliminarily approved a \$24 million settlement negotiated by HBSS that will reimburse a class of consumers and third-party payors, including self-insured employers, health and welfare plans, and insurance companies, for part or all of their purchases of the AIDS drug Serostim. The underlying litigation alleges that Serono, Inc., a global biotechnology company, implemented a scheme to substantially increase the sales of Serostim by duping patients diagnosed with HIV into believing they were suffering from AIDS-wasting and required use of the drug.

In addition to these cases, HBSS is litigating more than two dozen other significant prescription drug and medical device cases involving antitrust and consumer protection claims. The various cases being prosecuted by HBSS challenge many aspects of systemic misconduct by pharmaceutical manufacturers and others in the prescription drug distribution chain, but they all have the same fundamental purposes: to lower prices of prescription drugs, improve access for consumers, and recover funds unfairly paid by governmental and private purchasers around the country. A description of existing and settled leading cases prosecuted by HBSS over the last five years is set forth below.

The following are examples of existing pharmaceutical and medical matters in which HBSS plays a lead role:

**ZYPREXA PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION.** HBSS is lead counsel for a nationwide class of private third-party payors in litigation against Eli Lilly & Co. This lawsuit challenges Lilly's fraudulent

promotion of the antipsychotic drug Zyprexa and alleges that Lilly engaged in a variety of fraudulent schemes to inflate sales at the expense of consumers and payors.

NEURONTIN MARKETING AND SALES PRACTICES LITIGATION. HBSS is the court-appointed liaison counsel for Plaintiffs and a member of the five-firm Plaintiffs Class Steering Committee. This lawsuit against Pfizer and its subsidiary, Parke-Davis, accuses the companies of circumventing FDA regulations to promote scientifically unproven “off-label” use of their drug Neurontin.

BEXTRA AND CELEBREX MARKETING SALES PRACTICES AND PRODUCT LIABILITY LITIGATION. HBSS is a member of the Plaintiffs Steering Committee and chair of the Purchase Claims Committee in MDL litigation against Merck and Pfizer on behalf of consumers and purchasers of the prescription pain medications Bextra and Celebrex. The suits allege Merck and Pfizer knowingly withheld information of the increased risk associated with the drugs of cardiovascular and other ailments in order to persuade doctors and consumers to purchase the drugs at inflated prices.

NEXIUM LITIGATION. HBSS is lead counsel in litigation against AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals on behalf of purchasers of Nexium, a prescription drug used to treat heartburn. The suits allege AstraZeneca engaged in fraudulent and illegal activities related to the promotion and sale of Nexium, including sham patent infringement litigation against certain generic manufacturers in an attempt to extend the life and sales of Prilosec, Nexium’s precursor.

LOVENOX LITIGATION. HBSS is lead counsel in this litigation against Aventis Pharmaceuticals on behalf of end-payors of the anticoagulant Lovenox. The suit alleges Aventis engaged in sham patent infringement litigation against certain generic manufacturers in an attempt to thwart production of, and thus competition from, generic versions of Lovenox from entering the U.S. market.

The following examples show pharmaceutical and medical matters in which HBSS achieved substantial settlements:

LUPRON MARKETING AND SALES PRACTICES LITIGATION. This case alleges widespread fraudulent marketing and sales practices against TAP Pharmaceuticals, a joint venture between Abbott Laboratories and Takeda Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and it follows TAP’s agreement to pay \$875 million in combined criminal and civil penalties regarding marketing and sales practices for the prostate cancer drug Lupron. In late 2004, a proposed resolution on behalf of consumers and third-party payers of Lupron in the amount of \$150 million was announced.

AUGMENTIN ANTITRUST LITIGATION. HBSS is court-appointed co-lead counsel in this antitrust litigation against Glaxo SmithKline Corporation and its predecessors alleging that GSK engaged in a pattern and practice of sham litigation and fraudulent procurement of a patent relating to the broad spectrum antibiotic, Augmentin. A settlement of \$29 million on behalf of consumers and other payers of Augmentin was recently consummated.

PAXIL DIRECT PURCHASER LITIGATION. HBSS was court-appointed co-lead counsel in this litigation on behalf of direct purchasers of the “blockbuster” selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor Paxil in claims against Glaxo SmithKline Corporation alleging that GSK engaged in sham patent litigation with respect to certain patents, all in an effort to delay competition from the entry of a generic form of the drug. HBSS announced a \$100 million resolution of these claims in 2004.

RELAFEN ANTITRUST LITIGATION. HBSS was court-appointed liaison counsel and the firm has helped spearhead this litigation against Glaxo SmithKline Corporation and its predecessors alleging that GSK fraudulently obtained a patent to prevent a generic version of Relafen, a frequently prescribed brand name pharmaceutical, from coming to market. Litigated for twelve to eighteen months, HBSS announced a proposed \$75 million resolution of end-payor claims in 2004.

## Hagens Berman vs. Big Tobacco

Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro played a major role in representing state government in litigation against the tobacco industry. Because of the unprecedented nature of this litigation, Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro's role and approach is detailed here.

**A TRIAL HARDENED LITIGATION TEAM.** In the State Attorneys General actions, only two states actually took their cases to trial - Washington and Minnesota. This means that in a government tobacco law enforcement and medical cost recovery action, only two private firms in the entire country have trial experience against the industry - **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** is one of those firms.

In the Washington case, the firm's managing partner Steve Berman was co-lead trial counsel. In this role at trial, he participated in voir dire, delivered the majority of the State's opening statement and presented witnesses, two of whom would become the most important witnesses in the liability phase of the case (Dr. Jack Henningfield, an expert on cigarette design, and Dr. William Farone, former director of research for Philip Morris). Steve also chaired major strategic decisions, and the firm assisted in the preparation of other witnesses presented by the State's other trial lawyers in the case.

**AN EMPHASIS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT.** **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** was instrumental in developing what came to be accepted as the predominant legal tactic to use against the tobacco industry; to wit, emphasizing traditional law enforcement claims such as state consumer protection, antitrust and racketeering laws. Before **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro's** involvement in the state cases, the predominant claims being pursued by most of the states were traditional tort claims, which proved in many states to be unsuccessful. With the exception of the Idaho case, not a single court in a case where **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** served as private counsel to a state dismissed a state's consumer protection or antitrust claims.

In three states - Arizona, Ohio and Oregon - **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** took the lead in pressing the respective states' racketeering statutes and, as a result, the tobacco defendants were faced with the very real prospect of a profits disgorgement remedy, penalties and, in the case of Ohio, the payment of double damages.

**EXCELLENT WITNESS RAPPORT.** One of the keys to beating the tobacco industry lies with presenting the proper witnesses, both expert and lay witnesses. With so many states in litigation against the industry, the time and resources of many of the important expert witnesses were taxed. As a result, several witnesses decided to limit their involvement to a small number of states. We found that some of these witnesses most approved of the manner in which **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** assisted in the preparation and presentation of their testimony. Therefore, our firm and the states we worked with became priority clients of these witnesses.

**LEGAL RESEARCH AND BRIEFING.** With the emphasis on law enforcement claims, **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** attorneys built on their already considerable experience utilizing consumer statutes and became experts in consumer protection, antitrust and racketeering laws in the states the firm represented. Because many of these state statutes were patterned after and followed federal law, our expertise with the FTC Act, the Clayton and Sherman Acts, and federal RICO grew. In each state we represented, **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** took the lead in opposing defendants' onslaught of motions to dismiss and, where applicable, motions for summary judgment. As the record reflects, we achieved a remarkable degree of success in these endeavors.

LIABILITY DOCUMENT DATABASE. **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** helped initiate and coordinate the so-called multi-state document review project. This was instituted to ensure that all relevant documents were produced, reviewed and selected for use by the states in the Attorneys General actions. More than 30 million documents were reviewed under the firm's supervision by 12 lawyers from the firm and more than 40 assistant attorneys general. As a result of these efforts, we have compiled comprehensive liability documents that are readily searchable by employing a variety of search criteria and are easily accessible. In addition, having gone to trial against the industry, we organized the best or "hottest" liability documents in our trial exhibit notebooks.

DE-PRIVILEGING EXPERTISE. Some of the most damaging liability documents for the industry were and are improperly cloaked from discovery by false claims of attorney-client and work product privilege. Many of these documents were brought to light in the Minnesota litigation, but thousands remained. In a coordinated strategy employed across many of the states that **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** represented, we continued the de-privileging of these important documents. This effort required countless hours in hearings with judges and special masters, in addition to extensive briefing.

A FOCUS ON TARGETING MINORS. In tandem with our general law enforcement approach, **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** focused the state legal claims on the industry's deplorable practice of luring children to tobacco use. As part of this focus, in Arizona and Ohio we commissioned an expert survey of adolescents' perception of tobacco advertising in general and, more specifically, on the deception of RJR's Winston 'No Bull/No Additives' campaign. The survey data revealed that the vast majority of minors exposed to the campaign believed that the 'No Additives' slogan meant that the cigarette was either less addicting, safer or less harmful to health (when, of course, this was not true). This campaign was the target of a preliminary injunction motion in the Arizona case that was still pending when the states settled their cases. On March 3, 1998, the FTC announced it settled a claim it had subsequently filed on this issue based on our work in Arizona.

TESTING OUR TRIAL STRATEGY WITH FOCUS GROUP STUDIES. **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** conducted numerous focus groups in different states, thus acquiring unparalleled experience with the reactions of potential jurors.

SERVING THE ELECTED CLIENT. **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** was chosen, after competitive bidding, as counsel for 13 states, including those with Democratic and Republican leadership. The reason for our retention, in addition to excellent trial skills and complex litigation service, was our sensitivity to the needs of clients who were elected officials.

KEY ROLE IN THE NATIONAL SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS. Steve Berman and Steven Mitchell were both heavily involved in the proposed June 20, 1997 national settlement and the November 1998 final state settlement that settled all of the state's cases for \$206 billion. As such, both have unparalleled experience in negotiating with tobacco industry lawyers and the tobacco companies' CEOs.

TRIAL EXPERIENCE. The trial of the Washington case was one of the largest trials conducted in the United States, lasting three months. Thousands of exhibits were offered into evidence and the case was presented using state-of-the-art technology.

## A Short Historical Perspective

(in alphabetical order)

**ALDUS LITIGATION.** The firm acted as co-lead counsel for shareholders in an action settled for payment of up to \$10.6 million to Aldus shareholders.

**EGGHEAD LITIGATION.** In two separate cases, the firm acted as lead counsel for shareholders injured as a result of misrepresentations made in connection with Egghead's initial public offering of common stock, and secondary trading in Egghead stock.

**FOODMAKER LITIGATION.** The firm acted as co-lead counsel after Foodmaker's stock declined in reaction to the Jack-in-the-Box poisoning outbreak. The discovery work done by the firm was utilized and copied by personal injury lawyers who recovered in excess of \$100 million from Foodmaker.

**IMMUNEX LITIGATION.** The firm acted as co-lead counsel on behalf of a class of purchasers of Immunex stock. A settlement of \$14 million was approved by the federal court.

**INTERMEC LITIGATION.** The firm acted as co-lead counsel for shareholders after Intermec stock dropped 30 percent in value over a two-quarter period as a result of a succession of overly optimistic earnings estimates. Our efforts netted a \$5.9 million settlement for the shareholders.

**LOUISIANA-PACIFIC SIDING LITIGATION.** The firm acted as co-lead counsel on a consumer case arising from the failure of a new type of hardboard siding used to clad homes. Over a million consumers are in the class. The case resulted in a landmark, highly favorable settlement that has resulted in compensation for homeowners across the country.

**MICHAEL MILKEN LITIGATION.** The firm, on behalf of beneficiaries of several Washington State public employee pension funds which are administered by the Washington State Investments Board ('WSIB'), brought a RICO and breach of fiduciary duty suit against noted junk bond king Michael Milken, and over forty individuals who were involved as principals or participants in the leveraged buyouts of Beatrice, Safeway, Pace, City and Motel Six. This case pitted the firm against some of America's most powerful individuals and companies. A settlement was reached and received final approval from the Court.

**MORRISON KNUDSEN LITIGATION ('MK').** MK was at the time the largest employer in Boise, Idaho. After a significant write off, **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** filed a shareholder class action, alleging that MK's CEO, William Agee, and other officers, had misled the investors as to MK's true status. The lawsuit claimed that MK was concealing hundreds of millions in losses. In Boise, the public and even the Court were skeptical that this venerable local company could have misled investors. After bitterly fighting the suit, MK ousted Agee and admitted that it was facing hundreds of millions in losses and declared bankruptcy. **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** was able to recover over \$63 million for investors, resulting in what is believed to be the largest settlement in the State of Idaho (except in the tobacco case).

**NORDSTROM LITIGATION.** The firm acted as co-lead counsel for shareholders claiming that the company had misrepresented its liabilities for labor in publicly filed documents distributed to the Investment Community. Steve Berman obtained a \$7.5 million settlement from the company and its inside directors.

**PIPER JAFFRAY.** This action was brought as a class action on behalf of purchasers of common shares of eight closed-end investment companies established, marketed and operated by the Piper Jaffray Companies, Inc., and various subsidiaries. These funds contained Mortgage-backed securities that were routinely referred to as 'AAA' or 'government securities' by defendants in an effort to convince investors

of their overall safety. Defendants ignored or misrepresented the effect that interest rate or market risks would have on these types of investments. In reality, these securities are extremely complex and intricate and are acutely sensitive to changes in market interest rates and are often used as part of an overall strategy to speculate on the course of market interest rates in the future. Unfortunately for Class members, the Defendants lost their gamble on interest rates using the shareholders' money. Market interest rates rose sharply throughout 1994, dealing a devastating blow to the speculative portfolios of the various closed-end funds. Due to the undisclosed risks that defendants undertook, the closed-end funds – and the Class members – suffered massive losses.

A settlement valued at over \$50 million was achieved.

**SPOKANE ASPHALT ANTITRUST LITIGATION.** Carl Hagens and Steve Berman represented independent asphalt pavers who had been excluded from the Spokane asphalt industry. As a result of the case, the Spokane paving industry is open to independent contractors.

**U.S. WEST LITIGATION.** The firm represented shareholders of U.S. West New Vector in a challenge to the proposed buyout of minority shareholders by U.S. West. As a result of this litigation, the proposed buyout was stayed, and a settlement was achieved that resulted in a \$63 million increase in the price of the buyout.

**WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM SECURITIES LITIGATION.** Steve Berman and James Solimano represented bondholders and the bondholder trustee of WPPSS Nuclear Projects 4 and 5 bonds. Following the largest municipal bond default in history (\$2.25 billion), the trustee, joined by bondholders, brought one of the most complex and protracted securities fraud cases ever filed. After more than five years of intensive litigation, the trustee and the other plaintiffs recovered in excess of \$850 million in settlements from more than 100 defendants. The implementation of various settlement agreements continues and will be a firm matter.

**WASHINGTON STATE FERRY WORKERS WAGE LITIGATION.** The firm represented a class of on-call seamen who alleged that they were not paid for being 'on call' in violation of federal and state law. The case resulted in a rearrangement in work assignments and of the 'on call' system that has resulted in better working conditions.

**WPPSS COST SHARING LITIGATION.** The firm represented Chemical Bank, the trustee for WPPSS Projects 4 and 5 bondholders, in litigation against nearly 100 defendants. The bank recovered \$55 million in costs misallocated among the WPPSS nuclear projects.



## Securities Litigation

Securities litigation has been one of the cornerstones of **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro's** practice since the inception of our firm. We have recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for institutional and individual investors defrauded by unscrupulous management of publicly held corporations.

In light of recent cases, such as Enron, **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro's** work is even more well recognized as crucial to protecting the rights of investors.

**Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** provides unparalleled services to combat corporate fraud. Our attorneys are experts in a wide array of issues unique to specific industries. We also use highly experienced experts in a variety of fields as an integral part of the prosecution team.

According to the former Chairman of the SEC, Arthur Levitt, "... we are witnessing an erosion in the quality of earnings, and therefore the quality of financial reporting. Managing may be giving way to manipulation; Integrity may be losing out to illusion."<sup>1</sup>

We recognize that investing is, by nature, a speculative business involving a wide variety of risks. But no money manager or individual investor should be forced to endure undue risk as a result of misreported financial conditions. We vigorously pursue fraud recovery litigation that forces corporations to answer to the investors they have deceived.

Our firm has represented investors in nationwide class actions for securities violations against WPPSS, Boeing, Einstein-Noah Bagel, Boston Chicken, Exxon-Mobil, Oppenheimer, Morrison Knudsen, ProCyt, Wall Data, PriceCostco, MK Rail, Bonneville Pacific, Mercer International, NeoRx, Egghead and Omega Environmental.

We currently have securities actions in California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Michigan, Utah, Tennessee, Texas, Minnesota, New York, and Washington.

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<sup>1</sup> *The Numbers Game*, remarks by Arthur Levitt on September 28, 1998 at the NYU Center for Law and Business.

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## SERVICES PROVIDED TO INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS

**Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** is a leading provider of specialized securities litigation services to public, private and Taft-Hartley pension funds. We offer proprietary and unparalleled asset protection and recovery services to both foreign and domestic institutions. Our institutional services provide participants with the ability to identify, investigate and react to potential wrongdoing by companies they invest in.

Our program enables clients to be proactive, not reactive. We update our clients on an ongoing basis regarding their exposure and advise them on their legal rights and potential remedies. We make a commitment to our institutional and pension fund clients to protect and defend all of their rights as shareholders and guardians of their beneficiaries' retirement funds.

When money managers suffer lost percentage points as a result of corporate deception, our litigation services allow them to recover a substantial percentage of those losses, increasing the money manager's performance. However, we realize that as a fiduciary, money managers may not have the ability or desire to risk funds on speculative litigation using typical hourly-rate law firms. Therefore, **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** provides institutional investors with several methods of fraud recovery litigation services.

Depending on the size and facts of the case, we may bring individual action on behalf of the institutional investor. Another method is for the institutional investor to be the lead plaintiff in a securities class action against the offending company. **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** helps clients decide which course of action is best for them, and is well-qualified to pursue either method of recovery.

## THE VALUE OF CLASS-ACTION LITIGATION

Many class-action cases are very successful, and provide meaningful recoveries to the class members. For example, the Morrison Knudsen and Oppenheimer Delta Partners litigations - both led by **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** - obtained settlements of approximately 60 percent and 80 percent, respectively, of the largest estimates of possible losses for the class members. The Midisoft case, also directed by **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro**, obtained more than 50 percent of total damages. Many other recent cases, such as Waste Management and Cendant, have obtained hundreds of millions of dollars in settlements and recovered a large percentage of damages for injured shareholders.

## DUTIES OF A LEAD PLAINTIFF

As the lead plaintiff in a class action, the court requires that you will adequately and fairly represent the class. To perform these duties, the institution must be familiar with the litigation. This does not mean it must know every aspect of the litigation. **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** will keep the institution informed of major events and this will satisfy its duty.

The institution may and should confer with us at any time it feels it is appropriate. The institution must also agree to vigorously prosecute the litigation. Meaning, you must hire lawyers experienced in class-action litigation. **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro** has national experience in class actions, and has vigorously prosecuted numerous securities fraud class-action cases, with combined recoveries in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

All costs in prosecuting a class action are advanced and paid by **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro**, and the institution is not responsible for their payment whether we are successful or unsuccessful.

In short, the institution has minimal time commitments and no financial responsibilities, but will be encouraged to provide its opinions and insights.

#### **AN INSTITUTION'S PRESENCE CAN DRAMATICALLY AFFECT THE LITIGATION**

As lead plaintiff, an institution has a direct influence on the strategies and disposition of the case, thereby having a profound effect on the ultimate success of the litigation.

As lead plaintiff, the institution will be a key member of the decision-making team. It will be able to help decide if a contemplated settlement is too low or if it is reasonable under the circumstances. For institutions that have been unhappy with the returns from previous class-action lawsuits they have participated in, overseeing the process to ensure that they are happy with the ultimate result is a compelling reason to participate.

## Environmental Litigation

Environmental litigation on behalf of victims of toxic spills or pollution and other land use practices is also an increasing area of focus for **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro**. The following is a profile of some of our cases.

**CHINOOK FERRY LITIGATION.** The firm represented a class of property owners who challenged Washington State Ferries' high-speed operation of a new generation of fast ferries in an environmentally sensitive area of Puget Sound. Two of the ferries at issue, the *Chinook* and *Snohomish*, caused environmental havoc and property damage, compelling the property owners to take action. After a successful preliminary trial, the trial court enjoined the operation of the ferries at high speed pending compliance with environmental laws, which was later overturned on appeal by the Washington Supreme Court. A SEPA study conducted in response to the suit confirmed the adverse environmental impacts of the fast ferry service. The trial court approved a \$4.4 million settlement that is among the most favorable in the annals of class litigation in the State of Washington.

**GRAND CANYON LITIGATION.** The firm represented the Sierra Club in a challenge to a Forest Service decision to allow commercial development on the southern edge of the Grand Canyon National Park. Recently the trial court enjoined the project.

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill  
Cleanup

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill



**EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL LITIGATION.** The firm represents various classes of claimants, including fisherman and businesses located in Prince William Sound and other impacted areas, who were damaged by the worst oil spill in United States history. A \$5 billion judgment was awarded by a federal court jury and a \$98 million settlement was achieved with Alyeska, the oil company consortium that owned the output of the pipeline. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals recently overturned the punitive damage award and indicated the district court should reconsider the amount, but not the issue of whether punitive damages were appropriate.

**KERR-MCGEE RADIATION CASE.** The firm represented a class action on behalf of residents of West Chicago, Illinois, who have been exposed to radioactive uranium tailings from a rare earth facility operated by Kerr-McGee. The trial court has upheld plaintiff's claim, and Kerr-McGee unsuccessfully sought review in the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals. A medical monitoring settlement valued in excess of \$5 million has received court approval.

**SEATAC LITIGATION.** The firm represented homeowners who claimed that the operation of the Seattle-Tacoma Airport destroyed their property values. The case was the largest inverse condemnation case asserted against a governmental agency in the Pacific Northwest. After a jury trial, the case settled.

**SKAGIT VALLEY FLOOD LITIGATION.** The firm represented farmers, homeowners and businesses who claimed damages as a result of the 1990 flooding of this community. The case, which had been in litigation for ten years and involved a jury trial of over five months in Snohomish County, was the longest jury trial ever conducted in Snohomish County. Following the entry of 53



Skagit Valley Flood

verdicts against Skagit County, the trial Court entered judgments exceeding \$6.3 million. Ultimately, the State Supreme Court reversed this judgment. Despite this reversal, the firm is proud of this representation and believes that the Supreme Court erred.

RIO TINTO. In a landmark case, the firm represents victims of Rio Tinto's mining operation on the island of Bougainville. To build the mine, Rio chemically defoliated, bulldozed and sluiced off an entire mountainside of rain forest. During the years of the mine's operations, billions of tons of toxic mine waste was generated and dumped onto the land and into pristine waters, filling major rivers with tailings, polluting a major bay dozens of miles away, and the Pacific Ocean as well. As a result of its flagrant disregard for the environment and the people of Bougainville, Rio dispossessed the people of Bougainville from their land, destroyed their culture and polluted their environment and lifestyle. Rio destroyed previously pristine rivers and land that provided substance and a way of life for the native people and went to the heart of their local culture. The pollution is so extensive that plaintiffs and members of the class have been exposed to toxic chemicals. In certain villages, the chemicals still remaining have caused the death and/or illness of residents.



Dead Forest Vegetation as a Result of Raised Water Table Levels Near Old Kuneka

Rio's actions on Bougainville were so egregious that they sparked an uprising designed to close the mine. When the uprising succeeded, Rio and the PNG government brought troops in to reopen the mine. Rio provided transport for these troops. After initial unsuccessful efforts, the PNG government, as the agent of or co-venturer of Rio and with the support and encouragement of Rio, instituted a military blockade of the island that lasted for almost ten years. The purpose of the military blockade was to coerce the Bougainville people into surrender so that the mine could be reopened. Both Rio and PNG made enormous profits from the mine and were anxious for it to operate, notwithstanding the resistance of the island's people. The blockade prevented medicine, clothing and other essential items from reaching the people of Bougainville. Hospitals were forced to close, women died needlessly in childbirth and young children died from easily preventable diseases. Rio's top manager of the Bougainville mine encouraged continuation of the blockade for the purpose of 'starving the bastards' out. This blockade directly caused the deaths of at least 10,000 people between 1990 and 1997. According to the Red Cross, the blockade killed more than 2,000 children in just its first two years of operation. By the time the war ended in 1999, 10% of the population of Bougainville, approximately 15,000 civilians, were killed.

The action alleges that Rio's conduct violated customary international law, including prohibitions against destruction of the right to life and health, and prohibitions against racial discrimination, and war crimes. Rio's conduct violated the settled standards for the protection of human rights and the environment recognized by customary international law and United States legal precedent. The plaintiffs seek redress under the federal Alien Tort Claims Act (28 U.S.C. § 1350).

## The Partners



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Mr. Berman helped to found the firm in 1993, and is the managing partner. He has served as lead or co-lead counsel in securities, consumer, products liability, antitrust, employment class actions, and complex litigations in the Northwest and throughout the country. Some of the high-profile matters Mr. Berman has prosecuted include the **Washington Public Power Supply System**, **Exxon Valdez Oil Spill**, **Michael Milken Litigation**, **Enron Litigation**, **Tobacco Litigation**, and the **Visa/MasterCard Litigation**.

Mr. Berman's successes include obtaining a settlement of \$92 million in the **Boeing Securities Litigation**, representing stock and bondholders in the **Bonneville Pacific Securities Litigation** which resulted in settlements exceeding \$30 million, and gaining approval of a \$290 million settlement in the **Louisiana Pacific Siding Litigation**, the largest product liability settlement in Pacific Northwest history. In the **WPPSS Securities Litigation**, Mr. Berman represented bond purchasers in the largest securities trial in U.S. history. In addition to being a member of the trial team, the lead counsel designated him as a core group member alongside a group of class plaintiffs and **Chemical Bank** attorneys charged with prosecuting the case. The case resulted in a settlement exceeding \$850 million, the largest recovery in a securities class action at the time.

Mr. Berman's innovative approaches to litigation have earned him significant recognition. When beneficiaries of state employee pension funds refused to pursue sums from **Michael Milken's** misappropriation of warrants, Mr. Berman stepped forward, pioneering the Milken action and using a unique approach to recovery. As co-lead counsel in multi-state class actions against **Blue Cross**, he uncovered Blue Cross' breach of fiduciary duties owing to plan participants in the manner in which co-payments are calculated. His discovery led to Blue Cross being sued in dozens of states with lawyers throughout the country emulating his approach. Eventually the way in which co-pays are calculated has changed industry-wide resulting in billions of savings for consumers.

Steve is currently working on the **McKesson-First Data Bank Litigation**, **Nexium Litigation**, **Average Wholesale Price Litigation**, **Lipitor Litigation**, as well as representing several states on drug pricing litigation (Arizona, Nevada, and Montana) and securities litigation (Ohio). He is also lead counsel in the **DRAM Antitrust Litigation** and the **Rio Tinto Litigation**.

Perhaps most notable is Mr. Berman's role as a special assistant attorney general for the states of Washington, Arizona, Illinois, Indiana, New York, Alaska, Idaho, Ohio, Oregon, Nevada, Montana, Vermont, and Rhode Island in the landmark **Tobacco Litigation**.

A principal in the groundbreaking settlement with Liggett and the proposed national settlement, Mr. Berman was one of only two private attorneys acting as members of the negotiating team. He conceived the idea to use Liggett as the whistleblower and secured the cooperation of Bennet LeBow, Liggett's CEO, as well as insisting that Liggett waive all claims of attorney-client privilege. Mr. Berman also negotiated the settlement that required Liggett to admit what the industry has denied to this day: smoking causes cancer and heart disease; nicotine addicts; and the industry targets children. Liggett's admissions, the cooperation of LeBow, and the release of previously privileged documents were instrumental factors in driving the industry to settlement. Liggett's 'plea of guilty' added momentum to the 1997 proposed national settlement, which led to the eventual \$206 billion multi-state settlement in 1998.

The announcement of the final settlement found Mr. Berman in his ninth week of trial presenting the state of Washington's case to a jury. His successful handling of the bulk of the trial earned him great respect. Subsequently, some of Washington State's leading trial lawyers hired Mr. Berman to try a certified class action brought by union trust funds against tobacco. The book, *People v. Big Tobacco*, describes his role in the Tobacco Litigation.

Other notable actions led by Mr. Berman include the **Morrison Knudsen Securities Litigation**, **Contact Lens Disposable Antitrust Litigation** and **Piper Jaffray Closed-End Funds Litigation** in which he obtained a settlement valued at nearly \$60 million. Mr. Berman's cases have also involved corporate entities such as **Egghead**, **Foodmaker**, **SuperMac**, **Immunex**, **Digital Systems**, and **Aldus**.

More recently, **Microsoft** recognized Mr. Berman's experience and expertise when the company retained him to be part of the core national team representing the company in antitrust class actions arising from Judge Jackson's Findings of Fact in the Department of Justice antitrust case against the company.

In April 2000, the *National Law Journal* listed Mr. Berman as the top litigator in the state and, in June, named him as one of the 100 most powerful lawyers in the nation. In January 2001, *Seattle Magazine* featured him in an issue profiling the top lawyers in Seattle. In June 2006, the *National Law Journal* once again named Mr. Berman as one of the nation's 100 most influential lawyers in America. Mr. Berman was also named as a finalist for the Trial Lawyer of the Year award for 2006 by *The Trial Lawyers for Public Justice*.

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In the Tobacco Litigation, Ms. Breckenridge spearheaded **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro's** effort to develop facts surrounding defendant British American Tobacco Industries and its subsidiaries, including Brown & Williamson and BATCo. Reviewing BAT documents held in a repository in Guildford, England, she explored issues of American court jurisdiction over BAT entities; BAT's participation in the worldwide industry conspiracy; and BAT and Brown & Williamson lawyer involvement in the conspiracy, as well as other issues related to liability.

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Mr. Carey has been the managing partner at Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro's Phoenix office since 2002. His practice includes handling numerous class-action lawsuits against a variety of organizations and companies - including the **Swift Truckers Litigation** and the **Average Wholesale Price Litigation**. He recently acted as co-lead counsel for the Hyundai Litigation, which settled for approximately \$100 million.

Mr. Carey's previous experience focused on personal injury, medical malpractice and various class-action cases. In addition to arguing several high-profile cases in state Supreme Courts and Courts of Appeals, he litigated multi-billion dollar claims by counties for damages stemming from tobacco-related illnesses and dozens of consumer and insurance class actions in various states. Mr. Carey also served as judge pro



tempore in Maricopa County Superior Court and as special counsel for Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro suits to recover Medicaid and statutory damages in the landmark public health litigation.

From 1990 to 1996, as Arizona's Chief Deputy Attorney General, Mr. Carey oversaw all major legal, policy, legislative, and political issues for the Arizona attorney general's office. He also obtained a \$4 billion divestiture, a landmark \$165 million antitrust settlement, and won numerous consumer and tort cases. Mr. Carey drafted and spearheaded passage of Arizona's law requiring the DNA testing of all sex offenders and instituted a penalty requiring that criminals pay the cost of victims' rights. He was also a principal draftsman of the first major overhaul of Arizona's criminal code, and drafted the bulk of the federal Prisoner Litigation Reform Act of 1995 for Senators Bob Dole and Jon Kyl, and authored the counterpart Arizona act that served as a model for other states and the federal act. His legislative experience began when he served as a former campaign staffer, intern, and staff member for U.S. Senator John McCain, during and after Senator McCain's first run for public office.

Recognized by the judges of the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County for outstanding contributions to the justice system, Mr. Carey frequently presents at national conferences and teaches tort, contract and public policy courses, most recently at the University of Colorado's graduate business school.

Mr. Carey earned his bachelor's degree from Arizona State University, and received his MBA and law degree from the University of Denver. He also attended Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, where he studied in the state and local government program.

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Beth's current cases include the **Clear Channel Live Rock Concert Antitrust Litigation**, the **Baby Products Antitrust Litigation**, the **Midland Senior Annuities Fraud Litigation**, and the **American Equity Senior Annuities Fraud Litigation**.

Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Fegan was a partner at The Wexler Firm LLP in Chicago. Her legal work consisted of finance lending discrimination lawsuits, pharmaceutical and antitrust litigation, civil rights charges and suits, and auditing and accounting malpractice litigation. She also served as legal writing instructor at the Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

While previously practicing at Shefsky & Froelich, Ltd. in Chicago, Ms. Fegan served in several local government appointments and on a special master team in federal and state court. The local government appointments included positions as special assistant corporation counsel to the city of Chicago, the Chicago Park District and the Public Building Commission of Chicago.

Ms. Fegan received her law degree from Loyola University Chicago School of Law. While there, she was editor at large of the *Loyola Law Journal* in which she published "Home Rule Hits the Road in Illinois: American Telephone & Telegraph Company v. Village of Arlington Heights."

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Mr. Flory plays a prominent role in several securities cases, including **Boeing, Boston Chicken, Einstein/Noah Bagel, Midcom, Wall Data, Immunex** and **Bonneville**.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Flory worked for a leading corporate defense firm, leaving in 1991 to represent the interests of injured investors, consumers, workers, and homeowners in their challenges to corporate misconduct. After obtaining his law degree, he clerked for Judge Thomas S. Zilly of the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington and for the Washington State Court of Appeals.

Mr. Flory graduated *summa cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Washington in 1983 with a degree in economics. He earned his law degree from the University of Washington Law School, where he served as an executive editor of the *Washington Law Review*.

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Mr. Kathrein has worked in the state of California since 1988, where he has developed a reputation as one of the region's most successful attorneys in complex litigation and large class action cases. Some of Mr. Kathrein's highlight cases include a \$259 million settlement for shareholders against 3Com Corporation accusing the company of defrauding investors by hiding a \$160 million loss. Mr. Kathrein also made the record books in 2003 with an earned settlement of \$300 million, the largest investment fraud case in U.S. history against Capital Consultants.

Mr. Kathrein also serves on many committees and works within the community giving lectures on a variety of legal topics. He has served as the co-chair of the Securities Working Group in California and was tasked by Chief Justices Marilyn Hall Patel and Vaughn Walker to propose and assist in revising the Court's local securities fraud class actions rules. He also served on the executive committee of the National Association of Securities and Consumer Law Attorneys, the Private International Law Committee of the American Bar Association and acted as an advisor to the U.S. State Department's Advisory Committee on Private International Law.

Some of his most recent lectures address 'Dealing with Analysts and the Press' and 'Ethics in Class Actions.'

Mr. Kathrein earned his bachelor's degree in economics and politics of Latin America, and received his law degree from the University of Miami. He also attended Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico in Mexico City.



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Mr. Matt's cases include the **Average Wholesale Price Litigation, Ford and Nissan Accelerator Litigation, Washington State Ferry Litigation** and **Tobacco Litigation**. In the Tobacco Litigation, he assisted with client liaison responsibilities, working closely with assistant attorneys general in Oregon, Ohio, Arizona, Alaska, and New York, as well as assisting in briefing and arguing motions to dismiss. Working on various discovery issues, including discovery requests, briefing on discovery motions and appearances at discovery hearings, Mr. Matt also developed expert disclosure statements and prepared testimony for a variety of expert witnesses.

Mr. Matt's publications include co-authoring the comment, "Providing a Model Responsive to the Needs of Small Businesses at Formation: A Focus on Ex Ante Flexibility and Predictability" appearing in the *Oregon Law Review*.

Mr. Matt earned his bachelor's degree in finance from Indiana University, graduating with highest distinction. An associate editor of the University of Oregon School of Law's *Law Review*, he graduated with his law degree in 1992, after earning membership in the prestigious Order of the Coif.

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Among his many cases on behalf of vulnerable citizens, Mr. Moody served as the lead trial attorney, obtaining the largest jury verdict ever upheld against the State of Washington (\$17.8 million); the lead trial attorney, securing the largest single-plaintiff settlement against the State of Washington, DSHS (\$8.8 million); the lead trial attorney, obtaining the largest single-plaintiff jury verdict on behalf of an incapacitated adult in Kitsap County, Washington (\$2.6 million); and the lead trial attorney, obtaining the largest single-plaintiff settlement on behalf of a developmentally disabled adult in eastern Washington (\$2.25 million) and incapacitated child (\$4.5 million) in Spokane County, Washington.

Mr. Moody is actively involved in advocacy for citizens with disabilities, is a member of the Arc of King County, and the Arc of Washington State.

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Mr. Nalven has been appointed class counsel in the **Serostim Off-Label Marketing Litigation**, and serves as one of the lead counsel in the **TriCor Indirect Purchaser Antitrust Litigation**, and on the direct purchaser class executive committee in the **Ovcon Antitrust Litigation**. Mr. Nalven has also worked extensively on the nationwide **Average Wholesale Price Litigation** and in the representation of the State of Connecticut in multiple prescription drug pricing matters.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Nalven served as Chief of the Business and Labor Protection Bureau in the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, where he oversaw a staff of more than 100 on all cases and initiatives involving healthcare fraud, insurance fraud, workplace offenses, and other civil and criminal business matters.

Mr. Nalven graduated *magna cum laude* from University of Pennsylvania in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in English, and from New York University School of Law in 1985, where he was Senior Research Editor of the *Annual Survey of American Law*. After law school, Mr. Nalven served as a law clerk to the Honorable John R. Gibson of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Mr. Nalven is admitted to practice in Massachusetts and New York.

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Mr. Notargiacomo's extensive experience in complex cases includes consumer class actions against predatory lenders and employment litigation against a major retail chain, as well as intense involvement in high-profile impact litigation against cigarette manufacturers, the firearms industry and pharmaceutical manufacturers.

Prior to joining the firm, he served as special assistant attorney general for Massachusetts in its suit against the tobacco industry. Mr. Notargiacomo played a major role in discovery in that case, including the defense of more than 45 depositions of state agency employees and led the effort to marshal documents and exhibits in preparation for trial. He also helped represent Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Maine in their suits against the tobacco industry. In another case, he represented the city of Boston in its suit against gun manufacturers and distributors in order to force them to take responsibility for some of the violence perpetrated with firearms that are negligently and illegally distributed in cities like Boston.

Mr. Notargiacomo received his bachelor's degree from Brown University in 1989. He earned his law degree with honors from Boston University in 1994 where he served on the *Boston University Public Interest Law Review*. He is admitted to practice in Massachusetts and in the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

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Mr. O'Hara serves as plaintiffs' counsel in the third party payor **Zyprexa** litigation, **Medtronic** and **Guidant** actions, as well as the price fixing litigation against the Hydrogen Peroxide industry. An active member of the firm's Microsoft defense team, he negotiates claims administration policy and processing rules on behalf of Microsoft in twenty consumer class action state settlements around the country.

While in Phoenix, Mr. O'Hara deposed more than a dozen of big tobacco's expert witnesses, research scientists and marketing executives for the **Tobacco Litigation**, focusing predominantly on the Arizona case. He also defended the depositions of Arizona's national and local expert witness, while contributing to all aspects of discovery and motion practice. Mr. O'Hara played a leading role in the firm's successful defense of the state of Arizona against a claim brought by several Arizona Counties in the aftermath of the state's tobacco litigation.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. O'Hara focused on property loss subrogation and professional liability defense at a Seattle-area law firm.

Mr. O'Hara earned his bachelor's degree in political science and French language and literature from the University of Washington in 1987. He subsequently graduated *cum laude* from Seattle University School of Law and is admitted to practice in state and federal courts in Arizona and Washington, as well as the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

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Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Sampson served as chief of the Antitrust Bureau for the New York Attorney General's Office. Mr. Sampson oversaw a 22 person staff and managed case selection and investigation for all civil and criminal prosecutions. He also served as attorney general liaison to the federal-state Executive Working Group-Antitrust. His position as chief involved a heavy trial practice, primarily in federal courts and often in conjunction with several states.

During his 10 years with the Antitrust Bureau, Mr. Sampson's notable cases included winning a \$7.8 million jury verdict in a highway bid rigging trial, serving as lead counsel for New York and obtaining a \$30 million settlement in insurance antitrust litigation, and negotiating a \$15 million return to consumers in a resale price maintenance settlement with Nintendo.

Mr. Sampson earned his bachelor's degree in economics from Cornell University and graduated from New York University School of Law in 1977. A member of both the Washington and New York state bars, he sits on the Executive Committee of the Antitrust and Consumer Protection of the Washington State Bar Association and frequently speaks on antitrust issues. Mr. Sampson is admitted before the U.S. Supreme Court and numerous federal courts of appeal.



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In the groundbreaking **Tobacco Litigations**, Mr. Sobol represented the states of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island and served as lead private counsel for Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

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In litigation with AT&T, Mr. Spiegel's briefs and oral argument compelled the Ninth Circuit to reverse a summary judgment, obtaining a substantial sum for his client, a company that alleged that AT&T unlawfully changed its policies to drive the company out of business. In another notable case, he served as co-counsel for a family of three that was rendered homeless when a Santa Barbara businessman towed away their trailer, claiming it was on his land, reselling the vehicle and most of their possessions. He helped obtain a jury verdict of \$225,000 for the family, after another attorney had obtained a \$15,000 non-binding judicial arbitration award.

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Mr. Sprung’s expertise also includes prosecuting class actions for consumer fraud, employment discrimination and civil rights violations. He is extensively involved in race and gender employment discrimination class actions against The Boeing Company, and has handled class litigation arising from the use of slave and forced labor by Germany and Japan during World War II. He also worked on cases against foreign mining companies accused of destroying and contaminating indigenous people’s land and committing human rights abuses.

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# A Perspective on our Performance from the Bench

Remarks from the Honorable Patti B. Saris, presiding over the AWP Litigation of which Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro was lead trial counsel.

THE COURT: I wanted to express appreciation again to class counsel for taking this case. I believe these are the kinds of cases Federal Courts should do and are appropriate for class resolution. And while it's a huge burden in terms of time and resources, it's one of the things that the Multidistrict Litigation Court should appropriately do.

Perhaps one of the most telling references comes from the concluding comments of the Judge presiding over the State of Oregon's case against Big Tobacco.

MR. BERMAN: Nothing further, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Anything else for the record? Well, may I take just a couple more minutes of your time to say this has been an extraordinary experience from my perspective. We have a lot of emphasis in our profession these days about people complaining that lawyers are not professional, that they are not civil, they do things in the manner in which they practice that discredits the profession, and I wish those critics could have seen all of you in action.

This has been an extraordinary experience from my perspective. I cannot conceive of another case where there has been so much at stake, and all of you, from the outsiders to local counsel, have been extraordinarily responsible to resolve as much as you could and to bring to me only the issues that really needed rulings. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate all of your work in that regard, and I know that that was you, as individuals, doing the important thing because in a case of this magnitude, with local and regional and national and international levels of attorneys, it's very hard to connect with people.

I just hope some time before I stop during this wonderful year, I have another chance to see this kind of lawyering. *It's been stunning, and I really want to say that it's been a wonderful experience.*

So, Hallelujah.